

JUN 21 1966

Probe of Dodd Is Widening, Stennis Says

Reaches Beyond Washington; Boyd Ends Testimony

By ROBERT WALTERS

Star Staff Writer

The Senate investigation into misconduct charges against Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., is reaching into "many places beyond Washington" and may be greatly expanded in scope, the chairman of the Senate Ethics committee said today.

Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., said "many other phases of the additional charges as to Dodd have been under development since early February. Much of the testimony has now developed and the material is in the process of final preparation."

The chairman's comment at the close of this morning's executive session of the Ethics committee was the first firm indication from Stennis that the Dodd inquiry would be significantly widened.

Stennis said however, that a "final decision" had not yet been made by the six-man bipartisan committee as how far to go in holding public hearings on charges that Dodd acted illegally and unethically.

Boyd Questioning Ends

The committee concluded its executive session of James P. Boyd, Jr., former \$23,000-a-year administrative assistant to the Connecticut Senator.

Boyd was questioned by the committee and by John F. Sonnett, Dodd's attorney, for two days. The committee is concentrating yesterday and one and a half hours today. When he left the hearing room he told news-men he was "very pleased and happy about the way things are going."

Stennis said Boyd's testimony "does go to the major part of Dodd has not yet been scheduled all the points in this hearing and to that extent we have made to testify would be preposterous

The committee chairman said his staff was developing "testimony in many places beyond Washington . . . it involves many records." He did not elaborate.

Shortly before it recessed for lunch, the committee began examination of Mrs. Marjorie Carpenter, former personal secretary to Dodd.

Public Testimony Expected

Boyd and Mrs. Carpenter, two of the former employees Dodd has accused of removing more than 4,000 documents from his office, are expected to testify again later this week when the committee holds public hearings.

Boyd, once known as Dodd's "alter-ego" and for many years the Senator's top assistant, today said, "I feel that his (Dodd's) actions that are the subject of this hearing did not justify the trust and affection that I bore for him for these many years."

Boyd said he hoped that the current hearings would bring about needed reform without damaging Dodd. "If we could have reform without personal damage, that's what I would like, but I fear the goals are incompatible," he said.

The 37-year-old former aide said he believed 96 percent of the Senate members were "completely aboveboard, over-worked, diligent and performing a public service for the country."

Boyd, who has openly acknowledged participating in the removal and copying of Dodd's files, said he was subjected to "hostile" questions by Sonnett, one of four lawyers accompanying Dodd.

Dodd Not Talking

Dodd has been present throughout both days of testimony, but Boyd said he had

not heard him utter a word in the hearing room he told news-men he was "very pleased and happy about the way things are going."

Klein is out of the country and "does go to the major part of Dodd has not yet been scheduled all the points in this hearing and to that extent we have made to testify would be preposterous

and inexcusable on their part," Boyd commented to reporters.

Newspaper columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson, who first leveled the misconduct charges against Dodd in late January, have said that Dodd misused his position as a senator to make a 1964 trip to Germany in an effort to help Klein hold a \$150,000-a-year public relations account.

Stennis said no subpoena had yet been issued for Klein's appearance.

"We will make a decision when we come to it," Stennis said when newsmen asked if Klein would testify.

Stennis, in an opening state-

ment distributed to reporters, said the committee had found that more than 4,000 documents had been removed and copied from Dodd's files. He added:

"The committee feels that the copies of such papers are sufficiently stigmatized so as to preclude their use as evidence here."

Any Variances to Be Probed

By late afternoon, however, Stennis called reporters into the committee room to offer "certain clarification" of the statement. He explained:

"Since the admissibility of the 4,000 documents taken from Sen. Dodd's office was at least in question, the committee considered that it had the duty to secure all documents and facts

obtainable, independent of these 4,000 copies . . .

"This is what we are doing. If the original documents obtained (from Dodd) are at variance, or do not include all documents taken from Sen. Dodd's office with respect to the matters before the committee, we will inquire into such variance."

Other committee sources said the documents were being used as "leads" for committee investigators seeking the originals. Dodd has supplied the committee with about 250 documents, they said.

Stennis also disclosed that the committee probably would investigate other charges against Dodd, including allegations that he siphoned campaign funds into personal bank accounts.

But he said the question of whether Dodd had complied with federal income tax laws in reporting all his income was "beyond our jurisdiction" and would be left to the Internal Revenue Service, which has opened an investigation.



-AP
JAMES P. BOYD JR.
Fights Ex-Boss